

ODE TO INDIVIDUALISM  
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O say can you see  
The fleecing of yourself  
By government regulation and court decree  
The infantilizing of thyself

To think that one could only be  
Born to eternal poverty  
Hence the only way for one to survive  
Is through government power to deprive

But if we are really born to thrive  
Which blesses individuals who have the drive  
In my country tis of thee  
This sweet land of liberty

To these should our praises sing  
Of luck and pluck and opportunity  
To those who risk and take the plunge  
To risk and risk and risk again

When Spitzer, Blumenthal, Fitzpatrick and Klein  
Conspire to make what is yours thine  
From AIG, Microsoft, IBM or KPMG  
They destroy future visionaries whose mind might be

The next supernova invention  
Who has reached the apogee  
Of creativity, risk taking endurance and tenacity  
To fight on and on with no apologies

This then is what makes the country great  
Not Ford, Chrysler or GM  
Whose management had to succumb  
To pay union workers who were done

Why can't we all be like them  
To take and take and take again  
Monies not earned but given in tribute  
So union moguls can continue to contribute

To politicians who are none too shy  
To oblige their wishes to interfere and try  
To convince management this is the only way to grow  
Or to the media will they go

Then public opinion appears to turn  
Management in fear crash and burn  
Give in to those unreal demands  
Which wilts the courage to withstand

So now we have the price to pay  
As Toyota and Honda show the way  
That ingenuity and productivity lead the revival  
To prosperity, fulfillment, and employee survival

When one again believes in oneself  
To control ones destiny and his wealth  
We may finally reach the paradigm  
And begin to recover from the decline

Of ownership of one's own future  
Not one where government strives to control  
All of our lives  
By being on the dole

So let's sing the praises of entrepreneurs  
And pray that opportunity is always the lure  
That keeps our country strong and safe  
Till heaven calls and thy soul He takes